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## NEVADA MAN SENTENCED TO 5 YEARS FOR TRAVELING WITH MINOR FOR SEX

## PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that SIDNEY C. MORENO, 30, Reno, Nevada, was sentenced to 60 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following guilty plea to transporting a minor with intent to engage in sexual activity. This case was the result of a investigation by the Fortville Police Department, Hancock County Sheriff's Department, and the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

MORENO, a resident of Nevada, began a relationship with a 14 year old minor he met on the Internet. On July 23, 2004, MORENO picked up the girl from her Indiana home and

gas station. MORENO admitted engaging in sexual relations with the girl in the three days in which they were together, which was a violation of both Indiana and Nevada law.

According to AUSA Gayle L. Helart, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed supervised release for the duration of MORENO's lifetime following MORENO's release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, MORENO cannot have unsupervised contact with any minor without permission, undergo searches of any computer equipment, get sex offender treatment, and register as a sex offender in whatever state he chooses to reside.

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